Indiana Legislature. SESSION 1849-50.

SENATE. TUESDAY, January S. The Senate met.

Mr Holloway presented a petition praying that Dublin might be made a point in the Terre Haute and Richmoud railroad; laid on the table without reading.

Reports of Standing Committees.

By Mr Garver, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of increasing the pay of the prosecuting attorney of

Delaware county ; report concurred in. By Mr Garver, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of changing the law relative to electing an assessor in Jennings county ; report concurred in. By Mr Walpole, a bill creating the Hancock court of com-

mon pleas; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.

By Mr Miller, a bill to amend the charter of the Lafayette

plank road company; read second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. By Mr Porter, a bill to incorporate the Presbyterian female college in Washington county; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. Messes Garver, Hardin, Porter, Hubbard, Berry and Miller, from standing committees, reported bills on their second reading, which were recommitted or ordered to a third read-

By Mr Berry, a bill to incorporate the Brockville railroad company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. On motion of Mr Read of C., the vote laying the bill to authorise the Agent of State to lease one acre of land to the Indiana Asbury University for the use of a medical college on the table, was reconsidered, and the bill was read a se-

Reports from Select Committees.

By Mr Couduit, a bill to authorise the trustees of the Mooresville school society to convey real estate; read a se-

cond time, tules suspended, and the bill read a third time By Mr Reid of U , that it is inexpedient to report a bilt at this time, relative to the capture of fugitive slaves ; re-

By Mr Berry, a bill for the relief of James Birtshaw, o Franklin county; tead a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr Kinnard, a bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh library institute; read three times and passed.

By Mr James, a bill for the relief of Samuel Scott, Sr., o Posey county; read three times and passed. By Mr Dole, a bill to regulate the relinquishment of dam-ages on the Wabash and Eric canal; read three times and

By Mr Cassatt, a bill for the relief of Hugh M. Stevenson and James Wilson, of Wabash county; read twice and referred to the committee on Claims. By Mr Walpole, a joint resolution on the subject of a mail route from Rushville via Greenfield to Noblesville;

read three times and passed. By Mr Houghton, a bill to amend the law relative to the time of the sitting of the courts in the tenth judicial circuit ; read twice and referred to a select committee. By Mr Berry, a bill to amend article 5 chapter 48, of the Revised Statutes of 1843; read twice and referred to the

committee on Manufactures. By Mr Graham, a bill to incorporate the Cannelton Sa-vings Institute; send twice and referred to the committee on Corporations. By Mr Miller, a bill to amend the common school law

read twice and referred to the committee on Education. By Mr Randall, a bill to incorporate the Hebrew benefieial society of Fort Wayne; read three times and passed.

By Mr Hendricks, a bill to incorporate the mechanics' and firemen's insurance company; read twice and referred to the committee on Corporations. By Mr Dawson, a bill to amend a law to compel specula

By Mr Hendricks, a bill to incorporate the Clinton and Madison water works; read twice and referred to the com-By Mr Milliken, a bill in relation to certain school lands therein named; read twice and referred to the committee on

the Judiciary. On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr Garver, on leave, introduced a bill to fix the time of bolding the several circuit courts in the 11th judicial circuit; read a first time, rules suspended, and the bill read a second and third times and passed.

Bills on their Third Reading. A bill to amend the common school law; not passe A bill to authorise the taking of depositions of practicing physicians in certain cases; passed.

A bill to amend the school law so far as relates to tional township in Jefferson county; passed.

A bill for the relief of Sylvester P. Morgan and Benjamin

Fuller, of the county of Clark; pa-sed. A bill for the relief of Nancy C. Burrows, of Jefferson A bill for the relief of Mary Huffman ; passed.

A bill to incorporate the Northwestern Christian Universi-A bill relative to appeals and changes of venue in the probate courts; passed.

A bill for the better improvement of roads in the counti

of Grant and Delaware; passed. A bill to confirm the Angola plank road company ; passed. A bill relative to a receiver in chancery in the county of St. Joseph; passed.

A bill to authorise John C. Hurst to erect a mill dam Bills on Second Reading.

A bill to locate a State road in the counties of Morgan and Owen; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill sead a third time and passed. A bill to authorise the Superintendent of the New Albany and Vincennes road to pay the attorney's fees in a certain

case in the Supreme Court; passed.

A bill to locate a State road in the county of Washington read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third A bill to incorporate the town of Noblesville ; read a se-

cond time, tules suspended, and the bill read a third time and A bill relative to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace

in Vermillion county; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. A bill relative to petit and grand jurors' fees in certain A bill for the relief of the estate of Noah Noble, deceased;

read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third A bill to incorporate the Bluffion and Fort Wayne turnpike company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the pill read a third time and passed.

Mr Cassatt, on leave, presented a petition in reference to the school law; referred to the committee on Education

One hundred and eighty one bills were read a second time by their titles and passed to a third reading, or referred to the appropriate committees. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

> HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TUESDAY MORNING, Jan. 8.

The House resumed the consideration of the Conven

Mr. Holcomb moved to amend the bill so that each orgauized county should be entitled to one delegate, and all | defining the manner of collecting taxes due from the Madicounties now entitled to two or more members in the House | son and Indianapolis railroad company; read twice and reof Representatives, should be entitled to two delegates in said Convention. This amendment if adopted would have reduced the number of delegates to one hundred and ten. Mr Lane moved a call of the House, which was or-

On motion of Mr Orr the absentees were ordered to b sent for.

On motion the call was suspended.

The vote was then taken on laying Mr Butler's amendment on the table, and decided in the affirmative, ayes 69,

Mr Murray moved to amend Mr Dougherty's amend-ment, by an apportionment of 117 delegates-providing that each representive district shall have one delegate, each county having over 2000 votes, one additional dele-gate, over 3000 votes two additional delegates and over 4000 votes three additional delegates. He contended that 150 delegates was too large a number. A new room A bill to regulate the would have to be procured in wi tion and other expenses incurred. His amendment, he said, gives nearly every county a delegate. This amendment had been offered and voted down in the Senate; but he was assured, if made now in the House, it would be con-

Mr Murray withdrew his amendment for the present. Mr Cotton moved to amend the amendment, so that every county shall have a delegate.

Mr Elder moved to lay Mr Cotton's amendment upo

Mr Elder then moved that Mr Dougherty of Boone's amendment be laid upon the table-restricting office holders from holding seats in the Convention; which motion did not prevail, ayes 39, noes 60. The question was then taken on Mr Dougherty's mendment, and decided in the affirmative, ayes 60,

the table; carried.

Mr Chandler moved to amend, so that where two o more counties form a district each county shall have one

delegate and no more.

Mr Holcomb moved to amend, so as to provide for th unorganized counties, &c. Both amendments were laid upon the table.

Mr Murray now moved his amendment, previously

fered and withdrawn.

Mr Lane moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed, ayes 58, noes 38.

Mr Richardson moved to amend, so as to provide for Mr Weir moved to amend the bill, so that the Senato

rial delegate to be elected from Sullivan, Vigo and Clay shall be elected by Sullivan county.

Mr Edwards moved that Mr Weir's amendment be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed.

Mr Weir moved that Mr Richardson's ame

laid upon the table; carried. of the bill; not adopted.

Mr O'Haver moved to amend, so that Vigo and Sullivan should have two delegates each and no more.

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Mr Edwards moved to lay on the table; carried, ayes 71, noes 20. Mr Niblack moved to amend, so that Daviess and Martin shall have one delegate each, instead of two jointly.

Mr Leviston moved to amend the amendment so that

Union county shall have the Senatorial delegate; not adopted. Mr Niblack's amendment was then adopted. Mr Graves moved to amend, so as to provide for the Senate and House apportionment, without any restriction as to the qualification of delegates. This, he contended,

would meet all the requirements of the Constitutionthat instrument being entirely silent as to the qualificasole judge of the qualifications of its members. Mr Dougherty of B. moved that the amendment be

laid upon the table; which motion prevailed. Mr Salter moved to amend, so that where four counties form one representative district they shall be entitled to two delegates; laid on the table.

Mr Miller of M. and F. moved to amend, so that each

county in the State shall have one delegate, and each county having 1600 polls shall have one additional delegate and each county having 2800 polls shall have two additional delegates; not adopted.

Mr Spencer moved that Ohio and Switzerland shall

have three delegates and Dearborn three delegates; laid

Mr Salter moved to amend; when Mr Cravens moved the previous question, which being seconded, was put, to-wit: Shall the main question be now put? and decided in the affirmative, ayes 63, noes 31. Mr Salter moved that the House adjourn; not carried.

The main question being on the engrossment of the bill was now put, and decided in the affirmative. Mr Chandler moved that the rule be suspended and the bill read a third time now; when The House adjourned.

AFTERNUON SESSION.

The bill of the Senate for the relief of purchasers of school lands was read 3 times and passed. The joint resolution of the Senate in relation to the African slave trade was rend twice and ordered to a 3d

The joint resolution allowing the benevolent institu-tions copies of the laws was read a third time and passed. The resolution of the Senate providing for an adjourn-ment sine die on Wednesday the 16th inst. was read;

Mr Niblack moved that it be laid on the table; which motion did not prevail, ayes 22, noes 75.

Mr Niblack moved to amend by striking out the 16th and insert Monday the 21st. Mr Prather moved to amend by adding-"if the House and Senate have got through with their business.

Mr Athon moved the previous question, which was not seconded, ayes 32, noes not counted. Mr Prather's amendment was not adopted. Mr Niblack's amendment, providing for an adjournment, on Monday the 21st inst. was adopted. The resolution of the Senate providing for the election

of State Agent and three Commissioners of the Insane tors in Noble county, to pay a road tax equal to that paid by

Hospital on Wednesday next was read; when

actual settlars; read three times and passed.

Mr. Chandler moved to aid. Mr Chandler moved to add, Superintendent of the Northern Division of the Central canal; which amendment was adopted; and the resolution, as amended, was

The bill of the Senate, reducing the expenses of the State Agent to \$2500 per year, was read twice; when Mr Cravens moved to amend, by adding "fuel and office rent. Mr Athon moved to refer to the committee of ways

and means; not carried. Mr Brown of R. moved that the amendment of M Cravens's amendment be laid on the table; carried. Mr Johnson moved to amend by allowing \$2700 as a compensation, and that to include all expenses.

Mr Hill moved the previous question, which was so
tained and the bill ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr Brown of S. the rules were suspend ed and the bill read a third time and passed. The joint resolution of the Seuate for the relief James Galletely was read a 1st time; when Mr Edwards moved to reject the resolution; which

notion did not prevail. On motion, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 9. Senate met. Petitions, &c., were presented by Messrs Milliken, Walole and Cassatt, which were referred or laid on the table.

Messrs Lyon and Sleeth, from standing committees, reported back bills on their second reading, which were passed

to a third reading.

Reports from Select Committees. By Mr Graham, a bill to extend the time of holding courts across the Little St. Joseph river, in Allen county, Indiana; in Perry county; read second and third times and passed. By Mr Berry, a bill in relation to the board of commis-sioners of Franklin county; read second and third times and

A message was received from the House requesting the presence of the Senate instanter, for the election of an Agent of State, and of three commissioners of the Hospital for the After the election, the Senate returned to the Senate

Chamber, and, On motion, the Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr Odell, on leave, introduced a joint resolution declaratory of the right of John Stockton, an insane person ; read first time, tules suspended, and the joint resolution read a second and third times and passed. Mr McCarty, on leave, introduced a joint resolution in re-

lation to sinking the public debt and State interest as connected with such object; read a first time.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the State Librarian relative to surveying and engineering instruments belonging to the State; referred to the committee on the State Library.

Message of the House of Representatives, containing the adjourning resolution was taken up, and the Senate refused to concur in the amendment of the House striking out the 16th of January and inserting the 21st. Mr Kinnaid, on leave, from a select committee, reported a

bill for the relief of John Bundy and others; read a first time, rul s suspended, and the bill read a second and third times and passed Mr Eddy, on leave, introduced a bill to vecate a part of certain streets and alleys in the town of South Bend, St. Joseph county ; read a first time, rules suspended, and the bill

read a second and third times and passed. Mr Harver, on leave, introduced a bill to repeal section 53, chapter 45, of the Revised Statutes of 1843; read twice and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Mr Walnole, on leave, introduced a bill reviving an act

ferred to the committee on Finance.

M. Day, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief of Israel Baylis; read three times and passed.

Bills on their Third Reading. A bill to repeal an act therein named; passed.

A bill to distribute a surplus road tax in Jefferson county;

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Indianapolis collegiate institute; passed.

A bill relative to forfeited lands mostgaged to the State of Indiana; passed.

of ground in Indianapolis to the Indiana Asbury University, for the use of a medical college. Mr Miller moved to indefinitely postpone the bill; carried

-aves 29, noes 14. A bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquor in Tippe-A bill to repeal section 65, chapter 54, so far as relates

A bill to vacate certain streets and alleys in Jeffersonville; A bill to smend the common school law; passed. A bill directing the Secretary of State to make a patent

to James Hensley for certain Canal lands; passed.

A bill changing the time of holding the Probate court in Allen county; passed. A bill regulating the jurisdiction of justices of the peace

in Henry county; passed.

A bill to correct a mistake in the plank road law; passed A bill to incorporate the Lagre and North Manchester plank road company ; passed. A bill to incorporate the Crawfordsville and Lafayette

A bill to incorporate the Richmond and Liberty turnnike company ; passed. A bill to amend several plank road charters; passed.

A bill to incorporate the Jefferson county historical socie-A bill to incorporate the Ru-hville and Muncietown rail-

road company ; pas-ed. Mr Cassatt, on leave, from a select committee, reported back the bill to appoint an attorney to prosecute the trustees of the Waba-h and Erie canal, for violations of the contract between the bondholders and the State of Indiana; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed; aye- 25, noes 18. On motion of Mr Eddy, the vote by which the Senate re-fused to pass the bill for the relief of John Green and T. T.

Crittenden was reconsidered, and the question being on the passage of the bill—passed; ayes 27, noes 16.

A bill extending the jurisdiction of notaries public; pass-A bill limiting the time of the sitting of the grand jury

in Franklin county; passed.

A joint resolution in selation to the soldiers in the late war with Great Britain; passed. A joint resolution relative to flogging in the United States A joint resolution relative to the pay of deceased volun-teers in the Mexican war; passed.

INDIANAPOLIS, JANUARY 17, 1850.

A bill to smend the charter of Hanover college; passed. A bill to change the time of holding the board of equaliration in the county of Warren ; passed. A bill to appropriate a part of the school fund in the county of Warren; passed. A joint resolution on the subject of the completion

Michigan city harbor; indefinitely postponed.

A bill to incorporate the Jasper plank road company

A bill relative to the location of the county scat of Adams county; passed. A bill regulating the pay of the probate judge of Vanderbuigh county; pa-sed.

A bill to exempt from the payment of State and county taxes the Olive Branch Church of Jefferson county; passed. A bill to amend the plank road law; passed. A bill to lorate a State road in the counties of Miami and

A bill providing for the sale of a school section ly the counties of White and Carroll; passed. A joint resolution relative to establishing a bureau of ag-riculture in the Department of the Interior at Washington; not passed-aves 22, noes 23.

A bill to incorporate the Evangelical St. John's Lutheran church, in Deathorn county; passed.

A joint resolution in relation to donating the public lands o actual settlers; passed. A bill to authorise the commissioners of Carroll county to

employ a physician for the poor; passed.

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Evansville; A bill for the relief of certain persons therein named A bill relative to the Sullivan county library ; passed.

A bill authorising the erection of a mill dam; passed. A bill for the benefit of Lewis Chappel; passed. A bill authorising the construction of a bridge in the coun y of Morgan; passed.

A bill for the relief of Cain Dockery; passed.

A bill for the relief of Hannah S. Martin; passed.

A bill relative to the seminary of Sullivan county; pass-A bill to compel non-residents to pay a road tax equal to that paid by actual settlers in the county of Whitley; pass-

A bill to vacate an alley in Greencastle; passed.

A bill relative to the Union plank road in Laporte count A bill to amend a certain act therein named; passed.

A bill to authorise the erection of a mill dam in Huntingon county; passed.

A bill to amend the law relative to the election of super visors in certain counties; passed.

A bill for the relief of a certain person therein named

M Eddy, on leave, introduced a joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbor at Michigan city, and the Bills on Second Reading.

A bill to amend the charter of the city of New Albany read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. Several bills were read a second time and passed to a third reading, or referred to the appropriate committees.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

> HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9, 1850 Petitions &c. Presented.

By Messrs. Salter, Defrees, Warrines, Connor, O'Haver, Menaugh, Yocum, Byers, Cole, Goodwin, and Miller of M. Mr. Mickle, from the committee of ways and means, reported a bill to raise a revenue for State purposes, for the rear 1850-which was read twice and committed to a comnittee of the whole House for Saturday next. The bill prowides for a tax of 25 cents on the one hundred dollar's worth | passed. of property and 75 cents poll tax, for the general purposes of revenue. In addition to the above, 34 cents are levied to meet the expenses of the Convention; one cent and seven and a half mills for the Insane Hospital; two cents and two and a half mills for the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and one cent for the Institute for the Blind, on each hundred dollar's

worth of property.

The bill in relation to the Seminary lands of Monroe county was read 2d and 3d times and passed. Mr. Chandler, from the select committee, to whom was

referred the propriety of abolishing the office of State Agent, reported against abolishing said office, in as much as it is the duty of the State, under the State debt bill, to keep an office in the city of New York for the transfer of stock, &c.; which was concurred in. The Senate now, on invitation, came into the House. ooth Houses proceeded to the election of an Agent of State

and three Commissioners for the Insane Hospital. For Agent of State-Allen May received Royal Meyhew, . Scattering, -Allen May was declared duly elected. The Convention then proceeded to vote for three Comissioners for the Insune Hospital. On the first vote-

James Blake received Dr. Sanders, Rev. Mr. Bayless, Dr. Bobbs, -Dr. Gall, . Dr. Ritchey. Samuel Hannah, -Wilkins, . . Cressey. -

he whole number of votes given, was declared duly elect-On the second vote-

Dr. Sanders received James Blake, Dr. Gall, . Samuel Hannah. Dr. Ritchey, Dr. Ritchey and James Blake were declared duly elect-

report on that subject, in which it is stated, that memorials have been referred to that committee, containing upwards of ten thousand signatures. There had been but two remonstrances referred to them, containing two hundred signatures. The committee had instructed him to report a bill more effectually to suppress the sale of spirituous liquors; which provides that any person selling spirits, shall be fined 25 dollars for each offence, except he may be a licensed druggist, who may sell for medical, mechanical or sacramental

Any man or woman may institute suit for any evil growing out of the traffic. To gain such suit, it is only necessary to prove that liquor was sold to the person sustaining or causing the injury complained of, and damages shall be awarded accordingly. The amount of judgment, for fine or damages, to be collected without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. Notes given for liquor bills to be void. The law to take effect on the second Wednesday of August next; but a vote may be taken, at the August election, it each of the counties, whether the law shall be put in force or not, and if the vote be in favor of the bill, then it shall be in force in the particular county; if against the bill, then the present laws shall continue in force in the counties vol-

ble and 200 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr Carnahan of F. reported a bill to change the bounds ries of Fountain and Warren; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Weir, a bill to organize a school district in Sulli-

van county ; read 3 times and passed. By Mr. Tinbrook, to change the name of the town Westport to that of Howard; passed to a 2d reading. The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from

or's instruments owned by the State, and what has become of them, &c; which was referred to the committee on the State Library.
On motion, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The bill to incorporate the Sons of Reform of the State of indiana, was read a third time and passed. Mr Gessie presented a bill to grant the right of way to companies in Illinois to construct plank roads in the county of Vermillion, Indiana; read three times and passed.

Mr Prather reported back bill of the House in relation to a State road in Jennings, Decatur and Bartholomew; read

hier times and passed.

Mr Hunter introduced a bill relative to a joint railroad and joint passenger depot in Indianapolis; read twice and Mr Burnet reported a bill to prevent the unnecessary obstruction of Otter creek, in Vigo county; read three times and passed.

The bill to locate a State road in Washington county; The hill to incorporate the Presbyterian female college, i shington county; also, The bill to incorporate the Pittsburgh Library Institute

The bill fixing the time of holding courts in the 7th judicial circuit : also, The bill in relation to the national monument of Washington, providing for furnishing a block of Indiana marble for the Washington monument; also,

The bill to incorporate the Tippecanoe fire company;

The bill to incorporate the Dillsborough and Verrailles turnpike company; also,

A point resolution is relation to the brave and
sons of Hungary; also,

The bill providing for the election of District
tors was read a second time.

Mr. Hunter moved to except the county of

which motion prevailed.

All the Circuits were then excepted; except the 7th and 10th, and the bill referred to a commit

The bill to incorporate the town of Hartsville was read a third time and passed; also, The bill to incorporate the Fort Wayne and Piqua plank

road company; also, The bill to authorize, first Regular Baptist Church of Crawfordsville to sell land; also, The bill to incorporate the Rushville and National

Road plank road company; also, The bill to amend the charter of the Crawfordsville In-Mr. Carr, Speaker, (Mr. Wilson in the chair,) introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Salem and New Albany Railroad company-authorizing the company to mortgage the road to secure the payment of money borrowed for its

prosecution; which was read the second time; when

Mr. Cravens moved to smend, so that nothing in the bill contained shall affect the \$20,000 subscribed by Washington Mr. Carr hoped the amendment would not prevail. He hoped that the 20,000 subscribed by Washington county should not control the road. The county of Floyd and city of New Albany had subscribed \$200,000; Orange county had sub-cribed \$45,000 and Lawrence and Monroe each \$100,000, and Owen near \$100 000. He hoped this \$20,000 subscription should not be suffered to control near \$600,000 of stock, as all the other counties would agree to the bill.

Mr. Cravens only intended the amendment to apply to the subscription of Washington county of \$20,000 in her corporate capacity, as many of the people of his county are taxed without their consent. He believed a majority of the people of his county are now against the tax. The question was taken on the adoption of the amendmen

and decided in the negative. The bill was then read a 3d time and passed. On motion, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 10. Petitions were presented by Messes. Buckles, Harvey and Morgan; which were referred to the appropriate commit-

Reports from Standing Committees.

By Mr Morrison, that the communication from the Auditor of State relative to the costs of making loans for the payment of the interest on the funded debt, be placed on the

Journal of the Senate; report concurred in.

By Mr Harvey, a bill for the relief of Elias Abel; read a second and third times and passed.

By Mr Harvey, that the bill relative to vitness fees be indefinitely postponed; report concurred in.

By Mr Ellis, a bill amending the act creating the Marion court of common pleas; read second and third times and

passed.

By Mr Buckles, a hill to reduce the fees of the clerk of Knox county ; bill indefinitely postponed. By Mr Buckles, that the bill to amend section 85, chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes of 1843, be indefinitely post-

poned; report concurred in. By Mr Harvey, that the bill for the relief of certain persons therein named in Warren county be laid on the table ; report not concurred in-aves 10, noe: 31. And the bill was recommitted to a select committee. By Mr Morrison, that the bill amending the common

school law be indefinitely postponed; report concurred in. Mr Real of U., that the bill amending the coschool law be indefinitely postponed; report concurred in. By Mr Lyon, the bill to incorporate the White River rail-road company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. By Mr McCarty, the bill to incorporate the firemen's and

mechanics' insurance company, with one amendment, upon the adoption of which they recommend its passage; report concurred in, amendment adopted, and the bill read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and By Mr McCarty, the bill to amend the charter of the Bedford insurance company, with an amendment, upon the adop-tion of which they recommend its passage.

Mr Rousseau moved to refer the bill and amendment to

select committee; carried.

By Mr Berry, the bill to incorporate the Western plank road company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.

By Mr Berry, the bill to incorporate the White county Monticello bridge company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Messrs Buckles, Walpole, Eilis, Harvey, Morrison, English, Hardin, Eddy, Millikin, Lyon, Cornett, McCarty, Hendricks, Hubbard and Berry, from standing committees, reported back bills on their second teading, which were recommitted or passed to a third reading. On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor informing them of the resignation of the Hon. George H. Dunn, as President Judge of the 13th judicial circuit Mr Houghton, on leave, introduced a bill to legalise a certain marriage therein named; read a first, second and third times and passed.

Mr Hardin, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the com

mon school law; read twice and referred to the committee Mr Harvey, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Cincinnati and St. Louis telegraph company; read twice and referred to a select committee. Mr Eddy, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief of Pau Eckett and others; read three times and passed.

Mr Randall, on leave, introduced a joint resolution in relation to a convention to alter and amend the constitution of

Mr Holloway, on leave, introduced a bill relative to the erection of a school house in Cambridge City; read three Mr Teegarden, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief of Elihu Morris; read twice and referred to the committee Cinance. Mr Walpole, on leave, introduced a bill to repeal a certain law, so far as relates to Hancock county, and for other pur

the State ; read a first time.

poses ; read a first time. Mr Walpole, on leave, introduced a bill to define the du ties of the treasurer of Madison county in relation ford tax; read three times and passed.

Mr Walpole, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to tavern and giocery licenses in Hancock county; tead twice. Mr McCarty, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the city of Indianapoli-; read twice.

Mr Morrison, on leave, introduced a bill to provide for the sale of a part of square No. 25, in the city of Indianapolis, for the purpose of erecting a building for a central medical college ; read a first time. Mr Porter, on leave, introduced a till to increase the pay of the probate judge of Harrison county; read three and passed.

Mr Odell, on leave, introduced a bill requiring persons to close gates erected on any county or private road, after hav-ing passed through the same; read a first time, rules sus-pended, and the bill read a second time. Mr Walker, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate th Washington manufacturing company; read a first time.

Mr Berry, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Brookville lyceum; read twice and referred to the commit

Mr Hendricks, on leave, introduced a bill authorising the election of a justice of the peace for North Madison; read Mr Lyon, on leave, introduced a bill to increase the dower of widows; read a first time. Mr Garver on leave, introduced a bill for the relief Crawford Bild; read three times and passed.

authorise the sale of the northern division of the Central canal; read twice and referred to the committee on Finance Mr Lyon, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief and protection of orphan children; read a first time. Mr Lyon, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the law relative to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace; read a

Mr Cassatt, on leave, introduced a bill to provide for th election of a prosecuting attorney in Wabash county; read a first time, rules suspended, and the bill read a second and third times and passed.

Bills on their Third Reading.

A bill to smend article 5, chapter 28, of the Revise Statutes of 1843; passed.

A bill to amend the law relative to the sale of scho lands by county auditors; passed. A bill to provide for the registration of births, deaths and marriages ; passed. A bill to incorporate the Shelbyville and Indianapol railroad company, and for other purposes; passed

A bill to change the time of holding courts in the tent

judicial circuit; passed.

A bill for the relief of William Northern; passed. A joint resolution providing for the purchase of land for the deaf and dumb asylum; passed.

A bill to incurporate the Logansport insurance company;

passed.

Mr Miller moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill to incorporate the Evansville and Olney railroad company; carried—ayes 24, noes 21.

And the question being on the passage of the bill, not passed—ayes 18, noes 23.

Mr Milliken, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Wilmington and Aurora in-urance company read a first time, rules suspended, and the bill read a secon time and referred to the committee on Corporations.

The Senate concurred in the resolution of the House to

The Senate concarred in the resolution of the House to elect a President Judge of the this tenth judicial circuit, on Thursday next at 10 o'clock, after having struck out that part of the reselv ion which provided for the election of a superintendent of the northern division of the Central capal.

Mr Dawson, on leave, introduced a bill to vacate an allev in Spencerville; read a first time, rules suspended, and the bill read a second and third times and passed. Mr Garrer, on leave, from a select committee, reported back the bill to preserve the interest of the State of Indiana in the Madison and Indianapolis railroad; read a second

time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and Mr Dawson, on leave, from a select committee, report back the bill to reduce the fees of the auditor and treasurer (Volume 1X::::::Number 32.

of Steuben county; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. Mr Adams, from the committee on Corporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the Indiana female normal school; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.

A large number of bills on their second reading were reported back from the committees, which were recommitted or passed to a third reading. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, Jan. 10.

Petitions &c., Presented. By Messrs. Alley, Chandler, Ellis, Prather, Dodd, Johnson, Holcomb, Orr, Murray and Greathouse; which were referred. Mr. Withers offered a resolution in favor of night ses-

Mr Elder, from the committee on wave and means, reported, that after a laborious investigation they have

found, that the Georgia lands have been sold according to law, without any implication of fraud on the part of any one concerned; concurred in. Mr Hart reported a bill to vacate a State road in St. Joseph county; ordered to be engrossed. Mr Athon, from the committee of claims, reported in favor of allowing \$400 each to W. W. Wick and Albert

the State, as attorneys Mr Prather moved to instruct the committee of ways and means to reduce the compensation to \$200, to each of the attorneys. Mr Chandler moved that the instructions be laid upon

S. White for attending to the suit of Beard & Co. against

the table; not carried, ayes 22, noes 65. Mr Athon then moved that the report be laid upon the table; not carried. Mr Bird moved to amend the instructions of Mr Prather, by adding-"provided the committee shall deem that amount a fair compensation"—which amendment was adopted, and the report referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr Cole reported back the bill to amend the charter of the Logansport, Lake Michigan and Ohio Railroad Com-pany, with two amendments; providing that the con-struction of said road shall commence on or south of the Indianapolis and Bellefontaine Railroad, and progress Northwardly, and shall not be constructed North of the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad until that portion of said road South of said Peru and Indianapolis Railroad shall have been completed; and also, that said company shall not make a location so as to cross the Peru and Indianapolis road South of Kokomo; and that no connection shall be made with the Indianapolis and Peru road, either with or without the consent of the Directors of the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad company, until the road shall be completed to Peru in Miami county.

Mr Murray opposed the first amendment, inasmuch as

to compel a commencement at the Southern end of the road would prevent anything being done, as the stock is all at the North end. Mr Cole supported both amendments, and complained and prevent its construction to Peru. He said the gentleman from Howard (Mr Murray) was a Director in the

Peru road, and it was his interest to have this amend-ment adopted, but the gentleman's vaulting ambition appeared to overleap pecuniary interest. The subject had created great excitement in Miami county, inasmuch as the people believed that there was an attempt by the people of Logansport to cheat them out of their road. Mr Murray contended, that it was not the intention of the company to interfere with the Peru end of the road. It was their object to construct a road across from Logansport to Anderson. Howard county strendy numbers about 1000 voters. The country is rapidly improvingand there is already considerable surplus, and he asked whether Logansport shall be deprived of any connection

Mr Cole again replied, urging that it was the intention of the people of Logansport to prevent the road from progressing to Peru, and it was so avowed by many citizens in Cass county. He then interrogated Mr Murray in relation to this point.

Mr Murray said, that he believed that it was the intention of the people of Cass county to construct the road through New London, when the road would cross the Peru road some five miles South of Kokomo. New Lon-

don had already subscribed near \$30,000 in the road and Kokomo only one thousand dollars in stock, so the gentleman need have no lears that the road would stop. The question was taken on the first amendment and decided in the affirmative, ayes 58, noes 20. The question was then taken on the amendment, preventing the road from crossing the Peru road South of Kokomo, and decided in the affirmative, ayes 45, noes 30.

The bill and amendmets were ordered to be engrossed.
The House resumed the consideration of the amendments, made to the bill, to amend the charter of the Lawrenceburgh and Rushville railroad company—the first providing for branch roads from Greensburgh to Indianapolis and from Lawrenceburgh to Cincinnati. Mr Robinson of D. moved to amend, so that nothing therein contained should interfere with the rights of the

Ohio and Mississippi railroad company.

Mr Withers moved that the bill and amendments be laid upon the table. Mr Athon moved for a call of the House; which was ordered, and the roll being called, On motion of Mr Brown of S, the call was suspended The question was taken on laying the bill and amend-ments upon the table, and decided in the affirmative, ayes

52, noes 39. Mr Edwards reported back an amended bill, providing 2d and 4th Districts were added; when Mr Chandler moved to amend, so that said prosecutors shall not be paid out of the State treasury.

Mr Humphreys moved to lay on the table; not carried

On motion of Mr Humphreys, the county of Greene was excepted. Mr Murray moved, that the prosecutors shall be entitled to docket fees, the same as county prosecutors; which The counties of Owen and Warrick were excepted.

Mr Carnahan ef F. moved to include the 1st Circuit.

Mr Chandler's amendment was then adopted.

On motion of Mr Niblack the bill was recommitted to select committee. Mr Elder reported a bill to amend the charter of Hagerstown; read 3 times and passed. By Mr Warriner, a bill to extend the road laws of 1849 to Porter county; read 3 times and passed.

justices of the peace; passed.

By Mr Farosley, a bill in relation to the school fund i By Mr Gessie, a bill authorizing an additional justice in Vermillion; passed. By Mr Hunter, a bill for the relief of Aaron Wright;

county of Laporte; ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Harvey reported back the bill to incorporate the Northwestern Christian University; passed.

By Mr. Essex, a bill to incorporate Newbern; passed.

By Mr. Campbell, a bill to locate a road in Tippecanoe;

By Mr. Whinery, a bill to attach certain territory to the

By Mr. Brown of R., a bill to change the name of Tren-Mr. Defrees, a bill to increase the Judge of Elkhait; passed. By Mr. Cleaver, a bill to incorporate the Drewersburgh turnpike company; passed.

By Mr. Chandler, a bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors in Mound township without license; passed.

By Mr. Yocum, a bill to legalize the Lafayette and Muneletown road in Ciuton and Tinton: passed.

By Mr. Salter, a bill regulating the licensing of traveling pediers in several counties therein named; passed. By Mr. Greathouse, a bill relative to the county Seminary property of Vanderburgh; passed.

Mr. Miller of M. and F. reported back bill to extend the

time of sittings of Probate Court of Fulton ; passed.

chinch, &c.; passed.

lic highway ; passed.

act incorporating Mount Vernon; passed.

By Mr. Cole, a bill to change the name of White Hall to Wa-pe-cong; passed.

By Mr. Dodd, a bill to legalize certain proceedings in Grant Probate Court; passed.

Mr. Alley reported back bill amending Revised laws, in relation to Division of school districts; passed. Mr. Watkins reported back bill to incorporate St. Paul's

By Mr. Warriner, a bill declaring the Columic river a pub-

Mr. Thomas reported back Senate bill supplemental to the

By Mr. Yocum a bill defining the boundaries of a school district in Clay and Owen; passed.

Mr. Carnshan of F. reported back the joint resolution in relation to the African slave trade. Mr. Sherrod moved to lay on the table.

Before the question was taken, the House adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION. The Speaker laid before the House a communication from

the Governor, giving information of the resignation of the Hon. George H. Dunn as President Judge of the 13th Circuit. The Speaker also laid before the House the following communication from the Governor, returning the bill providing for a sale of the State's equity of tedemption of the White Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

State of Indiana in the White Water Valley Canal, and for other purposes, without my approval, and with a brief statement of the reasons which influence me to withhold my signature.

The State of Indiana had expended on this work more than a million of dollars prior to the year 1842; the work being then in an unfinished state, the whole Canal with all the interest the State had in the same, was granted to the Company called the "White Water Valley Canal Company."

The only pecuniary interest that the State retained by the charter of 1842, is secured by the provise to the second section, which enacts that after the expiration of fifieen years from the time the Company should finish the Canal, the State shall have the net profits which may arise from it over and above 8 per cent. This contingent overplus at the end of fifteen years, and after 8 per cent. clear of expenses are paid on the investment, is all that the State has reserved to herself in return for granting to the Company, the canal that leads to the great Western Mart-to which the trade of eastern Indiana must go-draining the richest portion of the State, with no rival work to detract from its trade-through the oldest and wealthiest part of the State-and which has cost Indiana eleven hundred thousand dollars. This Bill authorizes the Treasurer and Auditor of State, on a certain day, after sixty days notice, to sell all the interest the State has in this work to the highest bidder, and provides that this Company shall be competent Mr Mickle moved, that the resolution he laid upon the bidders at said sale.

It must be obvious that a sale of the interest of the State in this work, under the circumstances would be for a mere nominal price. With the power to regulate tolls in the hands of the present Company, it is possible for them to make the interest of the State of but little value. Before a capitalist would risk a purchase he would require some guaranty that the tolls should be so regulated, as to bring in the largest amount of revenue; for however great the trade and commerce, the rates may be so fixed as to only yield sufficient for repairs and the 8 per cent.

Besides, no citizen would wish to invest money in an enterprise of this character, in which his interest would be hostile to that of the company. Surrounded with difficulties, and embarrassed at every etep, he would count all the cost well before he would make an investment. I think it may be taken for granted, that although this bill is a bill authorizing the sale of the White Water Valley Canal, it is in fact a bill to surrender the work to the company with all the right the State has in the same. In that view alone do I

regard the bill before me. The paramount objection to this bill with me, is, that it offers to dispose of this large investment of the State without any information or report from any source as to the condition of the work, its income, waterpower, hydraulic privileges, what its real value is, &c., &c.

A prodent citizen who has an interest, however remote, or contingent, in a transaction that he did not thoroughly understand, would not offer such interest for sale, or surrender it up (at least upon the representations of the adverse party.) without first making an examination himself, if qualified, and if not, without having such examination made by one competent to the task. And the adoption of such a rule would be good policy in the affairs of the State. Before the State should surrender so large an in-

estment altogether, she should appoint a competen and well qualified person, in whom confidence is to be reposed, to make a complete examination of the whole of her interest in this work, and thus act understandingly in the surrendering of the work, forgetting at no time, that the whole people of the State have an interest in the same. It is a matter of no small importance to pass away upwards of a million of the funds of the State, and I think it should not be done in this hurried, ex parte manner, without any evidence of the value or prospects of the work in question. The offering to sell the interest of the State in our public works, or surrendering them up absolutely, under present circumstances, without withholding in our hands any check or restriction, would pe the establishing a precedent full of incalculable

The object of the State, should be to have our publie works completed, and when completed to be used by our citizens as channels of trade and commerce, py the payment of sufficient revenues to repay well the capital invested; but not to make them engines of

oppression and monopolies. In this case the fact, that after the lapse of a few years, the State may receive a surplus over the expenses of the work, and 8 per cent. on the capital invested, will of itself operate to keep the tolls, water rents, &c., within proper bounds. But surrender up all your public works, or sell them to the highest bidder, hold in your hands no check or restriction upon their future management, and when you have done this, you will have placed in men's hands the power to cripple the trade of the country by exorbitant charges. We should be willing to grant liberal profits to capital embarked in all such enterprises; but then there should be some limit, some cheek, some restriction; if none is made, we leave the labor of the country, to the mercies of corporations, whose desire for gain is too frequently limited only by their

It is said that the interest of the State in this work s of no value; if this is true, it is a little remarksble that individuals should be so importunate for the grant of a worthless thing. It will be found that in applications of this character, that orgaments and language will always be at command, to show a pretext for the favor asked. But it is gravely said, that capitalists will not invest money in this work while

the State holds her present resideary interest. If the giving uninterrupted possession of this canal to the Company for 15 years, and after that time forever thereafter 8 per cent, upon the investment, besides all expenses; if all this is not sufficient indocement to capitalists to invest money in this work, where the State has expended so much, and it is essential, that foreign capital should be had, it would be better to enlarge the per cent., give them 10, even 20 per cent., than to give up the work without re-Mr Edwards moved the previous question; not seserving any power to the State in its future management. But if it is determined to surrender up all the interest we have in the public works of the State, it should never be done without irrevocably connecting with the surrendering, suitable checks and restrictions; and among those that I would regard as the most prominent, I would claim in all time to come the By Mr Lank, a bill to repeal a certain act so far as reright of the State through her Representatives to lates to Randolph, and to revive other laws in relation to suprvisee the powers of the companies.

It is not contended by any one that the State has violated her contract as made with the company in 1842. Most fortunately in this instance she is at no expense in the management of the canal. It is now in navigable order, and the people are receiving the benefits of the work. The State will stand in the same situation as to this work in ten years from now, as at present, with the prospect of an increase of trade and commerce.

and consequently an increase of toils. Who can tell what the trade of this country is to be in fifteen years It is the part of prudence to hold on to what we ive saved from the wreck of the past, and whe shall sell or offer to sell, our public works, let us make the offer understandingly, with all the facts be-

fore us, as to their value, prospects, &c., from a com-January 9th, 1850. JOSEPH A. WRIGHT. The question being, shall the bill become a law, the Gove.nor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding?
Mr. Chandler moved a call of the House; which was ordered, and the roll being called-Mr. Siewart moved that the absentees be sent for ; which

was ordered.
On motion of Mr. Ross the further call was dispensed The question being taken on the passage of the bill, it was decided in the negative, syes 20, noes 69.

Mr. Burnet presented a bill to incorporate the Otter creek and Racco-n plank road company; read twice and referred. By Mr. Carnahan of F., a bill to amend the charter of the Attica and Warren county bridge company ; read three times

Mr. Ross, on leave introduced a resolution providing for going into the election of President Judge of the 13th Circuit and Superintendent of Northern Division of Central esand, on to-morrow; adopted.

A message from the Senate announced that the Senate had issgreed to the amendment of the House to the adic

Mr. Orr moved that the House recede from the amende not adopted, ayes 40, noes 52.

Mr. Chandler moved that the House insist on the amendment; which motion provailed.

Messages from the Senate announced the passage of seve-The bill to regulate the retailing of spiritness liquors in Tippecanoe county was read twice and ordered to be en-

The joint resolution declaratory of the rights of Jo Stockston, an insane person, was read three times and passes The bill to vacate parts of certain streets and alleys in South Bend; also,

I return the Bill of your House No. 248, entitled an act to dispose of the equity of redemption of the